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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a centre of Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA) in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details and the location thereof; and

(c) if not, the other initiatives taken up for promoting dry land agriculture especially in backward areas like Rayalaseema in Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) There is no proposal to establish a Centre of Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA) in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The following initiatives were undertaken to promote dryland agriculture in Andhra Pradesh especially in Rayalaseema region:-

â€¢ Established a main centre of All India Coordinated Research Project for Dryland Agriculture (AICRPDA) in Anantapuramu of Rayalaseema region during September 1971 for generating location-specific rainfed technologies.
â€¢ Established an ORP (Operational Research Project) centre of All India Coordinated Research Project for Dryland Agriculture (AICRPDA) in Anantapuramu of Rayalaseema region in 1984 for rainfed technology assessment, refinement and upscaling.

â€¢ Established a research centre of All India Coordinated Research Project on Agrometeorology (AICRPAM) in 1984 and the centre is providing agro-met advisories on dryland crops.
â€¢ Besides above, many outreach programmes/ initiatives by CRIDA under National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA), National Agriculture Technology Project (N A T P), National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) etc., immensely contributed in rainfed technology development, assessment and refinement and adoption at large scale in Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh, particularly farm pond technology, site specific nutrient management, efficient cropping systems, energy efficient and cost effective farm machinery like seed drills, planters, other implements, etc.
â€¢ Prepared District Agriculture Contingency Plans for all the 13 districts of Andhra Pradesh including Rayalaseema to cope with weather aberrations.

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